

If every taxpayer had to pay an equal share of the total national debt, it would come to \$4,949 apiece, \$107 more than at this time last year.—*Tempe (Ariz.) Daily News.*



AN OFFERING . . . Pat Nixon offers long-stemmed carnation from bouquet she was carrying to small girl during visit here Monday in a last-day campaign trip with her husband, Richard Nixon, who spent several minutes talking to local supporters during whirlwind tour of Southland headquarters. (Herald Photo)



ACADEMY SIGHTS . . . Air Force Academy Cadet, M. E. Eascott, Jr., right, son of M. E. Eascott, of Torrance, shows a reserve officer and two other cadets a statue at the academy donated by the Air Training Command. Eascott is the chief falconer who teaches the academy's falcon mascot to fly at football games and other athletic events.

Law in Action

People often make gifts to youngsters and sometimes save on income and death taxes as well. The giver may set aside money for children until they become of age or until they need it.

But such gifts may be complex. For remember, there are gift taxes on the subject of the gift, and income taxes on the income from it.

1. THE PARENT or guardian may want to keep control of the money. If they keep too much control, they may not complete the gift and the expected tax savings will go out the window. The parents' control may allow them to take back the gift, and so it is not really a gift.

2. Property is hard for children to manage. They cannot very well make contracts, or buy or sell the property. But it costs too much, as a rule, to set up a trust for each piece of property for each child.

And so to encourage gifts to children, the law has a simple way to make and administer gifts under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act. This law applies mainly to gifts and stock shares.

THIS LAW creates the "custodian" with powers much like those of a trustee or guardian. He is often a parent-donor who manages the stock. He may reinvest or sell the stock for the child.

The custodian must act as a "prudent person." He cannot lawfully buy and sell the stock for his own benefit, nor can he be negligent. The gift can only be used for the minor's benefit, and for his support and education. The custodian cannot mingle his own

property with the child's. After the child becomes 21 the whole gift or what is left of it must go to him.

IN RARE cases, the law may let a giver revoke his gift, as when he gave it in contemplation of the minor's marriage which did not take place. He may also revoke the gift if it was made as a result of undue influence or fraud.

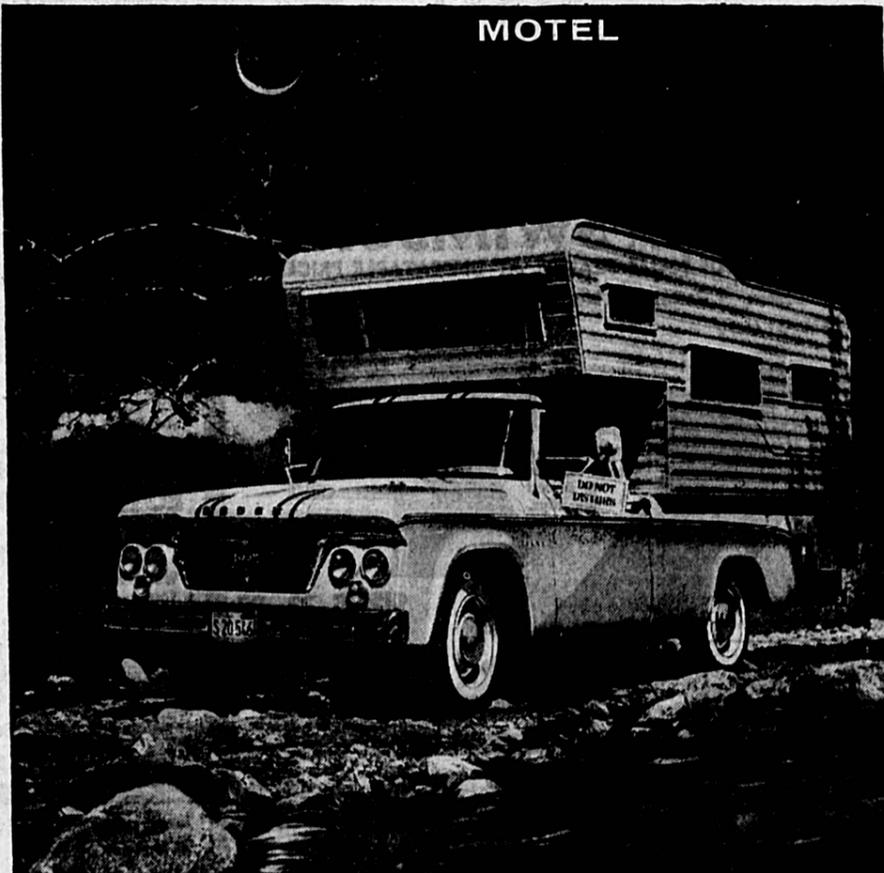
Other ways of giving to minors are also fairly inexpensive. For example, one may create a trust for children which has tax advantages.

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